

### **Amendments to the Specification**

Please replace paragraph 1 on page 1 (lines 1-10) with the following amended paragraph:

This application is related to co-pending application entitled "SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR POLICY-BASED NETWORK MANAGEMENT," assigned serial number 09/469,025, filed December 21, 1999; co-pending application entitled "SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR A COMMON OBJECT CLASS LIBRARY," assigned serial number 09/469,026 filed December 21, 1999; co-pending application entitled FAULT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM AND METHOD," ~~assigned~~ serial number 09/345,634, filed June 30, 1999, now United States Patent Number 6,513,129, issued on January 28, 2003; and co-pending application entitled "METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PREDICTIVE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT," assigned serial number 09/702,160 (~~Attorney Docket No. 50671-P012US-10004457~~), filed October 30, 2000, all of which are assigned to a common assignee, the disclosures of which are hereby incorporated herein by reference.